

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated August 10, 2007, pending Claims 19-49 were rejected. This was the first Office Action issuing after a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on May 14, 2007. Previously Applicants had submitted an Amendment After Final in which amendments were made to independent Claims 19, 25, 31, 39, 47-49.

As noted in the Amendment After Final, prior to the submission of the Amendment After Final, Applicants' counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which it was agreed that the amendments made in the Amendment After Final would obviate the outstanding rejections and result in allowance of the application. Since the Amendment After Final was not acted upon by the response date, the RCE was filed to enter the Amendments made therein. An Advisory Action issued shortly thereafter asserting further search and consideration was required. The outstanding Office Action then issued.

Claim 47 stands rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Bonastre et al. Claims 19-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-39, 41-46 and 48-49 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Bonastre in view of Glickman et al. Claims 19, 25, 31, 39, 47-49 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims.

The rejections in the outstanding Office Action refer to the claims as reciting “and wherein each speaker is processed using a different dictionary of **different topics**.” *Office Action* at 3. This, however, is how the claim language appeared **before** submission

of the Amendment After Final. As such, the outstanding Office Action does not address the claims as they were amended in the Amendment After Final, which was entered by virtue of the RCE. Thus it appears as if the Examiner did not consider the claims as currently in case.

As discussed in the Amendment After Final, all of the independent claims, except for Claim 47, contain a wherein clause which has rewritten to recite "wherein each speaker is processed using a different dictionary of different speaker-trained data". This clause was rewritten by replacing the phrase "different topics" at the end of the wherein clause with the phrase -- different speaker-trained data --. Claim 47 was rewritten by inserting -- of different speaker-trained data -- after the phrase "speaker-specific dictionaries" in the preamble and last clause of the claim.

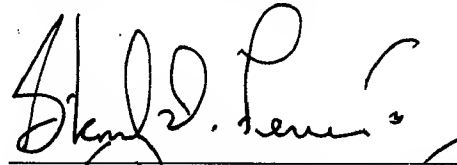
Support for the "different speaker-trained data" language may be found in the application as filed, including at the top of Page 13. Referring to Fig. 3, the application states "[a] speech recognition system (SRS) 330 has implemented a speaker model and/or dictionary change utility 340 which has access to **different speaker-trained data** 360, 370 stored in database 350. Dependent on allegedly detected speaker changes, the dictionary change utility 340 can interchange between the different models 350, 370 thus providing an optimized multi-user SRS." (emphasis added)

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claims 19, 25, 31, 39 and 47-49 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus allowable. By

virtue of dependence from Claims 19, 25, 31 and 39, it is thus also submitted that Claims 20-24, 26-30, 32-38 and 40-46 are also allowable at this juncture.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 19-49, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. **If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below before the issuance of any further Office Action.**

Respectfully submitted,

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